



## Richard Michael "Rich" Martins

June 30, 2018

It is with great sadness that the family of Richard "Rich" Michael Martins, 50, announces that he passed unexpectedly on Saturday, June 30, 2018, while enjoying summer at his wife's family cabin near Brainerd, Minnesota. He leaves behind his wife and best friend of 14 years, Kristin Weigel Martins.

Born in Kearny, New Jersey July 5, 1967, Rich received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design from Temple University and Masters of Education in Higher and Continuing Education from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He began his career working part-time with the Orlando Magic of the NBA. In 1994, he began his 24-year career with IBM working on a project at Epcot Center at Walt Disney World. He then worked in a variety of departments with the last 11 years as a Delivery Project Executive.

Rich was known for his sense of humor and kindness. Rich liked to make everyone smile and laugh. He was a great cook and passionate about food, in large part due to learning to cook at a young age from his Portuguese family. He loved to spend time at the cabin in Minnesota. He will be missed by his dear family, friends and colleagues.

He will be lovingly remembered by his Dad, Manuel Martins (Maria); Brothers Alex (Juliet) and Nelson Martins, Nieces Sophia, Gabrielle, and Sarah; Aunt Irene (Mario) Goncalves and Cousin Don (Lena and daughter Emily);

Godmother and Aunt Rosalie Raposo and Cousins Rosemary Jorda (Michael), Rosanne Raposo (Matthew Fidler); Aunt Laura de Pinho and Cousins Sofia (Bruno) and Diana Santos; Aunt Maria Adelaide "Lai" (Joaquim) Ferreira; Aunt Maria Joaquina (Jose Mouta); Uncle Anibal; Uncle Abilio. As well as his Mother-in-Law, Margaret Weigel; Sisters-in-Law, Theresa Kelly (Dennis), Janet Canton, Susan Weigel (Chris Guimbellot) and Nephews Dennis, Henry and Garrett.

He was preceded in death by his Mother, Dorothy Rodrigues Martins; Grandparents Antero and Herminia Rodrigues, and Augusto and Rosa Maria Martins; Uncles Fernando Raposo, Camilo de Pinho and Jose Martins.

Rich will also be forever remembered by many other Aunts, Uncles, and Cousins and dear friends.

Family is working on organizing a celebration of Rich's life in Orlando, Florida on Saturday, July 14th. For those in the New Jersey area there will also be a private memorial mass on Sunday, July 22 at 3 pm at St. Cecilia's Church in Kearny, NJ and all are welcome to attend. For those in the Atlanta area there will be a celebration of life event in August, with details to follow.

In lieu of flowers, for those wishing to make a donation:

In Memory of Rich Martins

The Michael J. Fox Foundation  
Donation Processing  
The Michael J. Fox Foundation  
P.O. Box 5014  
Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014

1-800-708-7644

<https://www.michaeljfox.org/get-involved/donation2.php>

The Giving Kitchen

513 Edgewood Ave, suite 100

Atlanta, GA 30312

404-254-1227

<https://connect.clickandpledge.com/w/Form/d11bff52-0cd0-44d8-9403-465614e4f342>

Mission Fire Department

29474 County Road 3

Merrifield, MN, 56465

218-765-3259

[missionfire@brainerd.net](mailto:missionfire@brainerd.net)

[https://www.paypal.com/donate/?token=1yBKmnkyAww6ZLXM6a8wH5SJ1t5gXZ\\_PzXimf8lYVaM\\_n3lKJIM0Gpl1Je3y5GfY4tSITm&country.x=US&locale.x=US](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?token=1yBKmnkyAww6ZLXM6a8wH5SJ1t5gXZ_PzXimf8lYVaM_n3lKJIM0Gpl1Je3y5GfY4tSITm&country.x=US&locale.x=US)

When I Must Leave You

by Helen Steiner Rice

When I must leave you

For a little while-

Please do not grieve

And shed wild tears

And hug your sorrow to you

Through the years,

But start out bravely

With a gallant smile;  
And for my sake  
And for my name  
Live on and do  
All things the same,  
Feed not your loneliness  
On empty days,  
But fill each waking hour  
In useful ways,  
Reach out your hand  
In comfort and in cheer  
And I in turn will comfort you  
And hold you near;  
And never, never  
Be afraid to die  
For I am waiting for you in the sky!

# Tribute Wall

ML

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Myrick Lloyd - July 21, 2018 at 10:57 PM

RH

*Simply the best team to work with...we'll always be missing Rich....*

Roxanne Halverson - July 22, 2018 at 07:23 PM

AF

“ Agnieszka Feier lit a candle in memory of Richard Michael "Rich" Martins



Agnieszka Feier - July 19, 2018 at 05:37 AM

GI

“ Geetha Sreevasu- India purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Richard Michael "Rich" Martins.



Geetha Sreevasu- India - July 15, 2018 at 10:07 AM



“ *Our Deepest Sympathies, Steve & Janell Griggs purchased the Heavenly Sentiments Spray for the family of Richard Michael "Rich" Martins.*



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**Our Deepest Sympathies, Steve & Janell Griggs** - July 12, 2018 at 02:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Michael "Rich" Martins.*



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July 12, 2018 at 12:44 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Michael "Rich" Martins.*



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July 11, 2018 at 11:08 AM



“ *Kris, you and your family are in my prayers. I am so sorry for your loss. Take care, Jerri Darnell*

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**Jerri Darnell** - July 11, 2018 at 10:25 AM

KD

“ *May the memories of laughter and joy outweigh your sadness. Thinking of you daily! God is always with us - hold onto Him. Most sincerely, Kelly Dudley*

Kelly Dudley - July 11, 2018 at 10:16 AM

JC

“ *JPMorgan Chase purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Richard Michael "Rich" Martins.*



JPMorgan Chase - July 10, 2018 at 04:39 PM

BC

“ *Bill Brown and Bob Duffy of Harris Corporation purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Richard Michael "Rich" Martins.*



Bill Brown and Bob Duffy of Harris Corporation - July 10, 2018 at 04:30 PM

DM

“ Rich was a special man and he'll be deeply missed by everyone. As a member of our team at IBM, I had the opportunity to work with him on a daily basis - he often had a joke or funny message to share with us. Members of our team spent three weeks in New York recently and he would ride back and forth to the site with me. Each morning he was waiting in the lobby with a smile and ready to start the day.

Kristin - our trips back and forth to the site provided us with some "quiet" time to talk about something other than work. Every day he spoke of his family and he would get the biggest smile when he spoke of you. He was so excited to share with you the plans he made for your birthday visit to NYC. He noted several times how he was the luckiest man on earth to have you as his wife - it was refreshing to see a man speak so fondly and lovingly of his wife.

Please know that we are thinking of you and all of Rich's family during this difficult time

Deb McAllister

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Deb McAllister - July 10, 2018 at 04:08 PM

MC

“ Deepest condolences to you and your family, Susan from you HVMG family. We are so sorry for your loss. - MB

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MB Cutshall - July 09, 2018 at 04:55 PM

PP

“ *Przemyslaw Puz lit a candle in memory of Richard Michael "Rich" Martins*



Przemyslaw Puz - July 09, 2018 at 01:40 PM

JW

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Jeremy Webber - July 09, 2018 at 12:21 PM



“ *Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Michael "Rich" Martins.*



July 09, 2018 at 12:10 PM

LF

“ *Love, Your OKC THUNDER Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Richard Michael "Rich" Martins.*



Love, Your OKC THUNDER Family - July 09, 2018 at 10:56 AM

NJ

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Richie Martins*



Nancy/William Jones - July 09, 2018 at 07:36 AM

CC

“ *Cj Cook lit a candle in memory of Richard Michael "Rich" Martins*

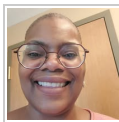


cj cook - July 05, 2018 at 07:14 PM

MC

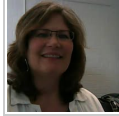
*My condolences to the All Family  
Rich Rest In Peace  
All my Love 🥰 And Prayers  
The Coutinho Family Mariazinha Billy and Albert*

Mariazinha Coutinho - July 05, 2018 at 08:38 PM



*I was in the process of leaving a birthday post on Rich's page when I saw his obituary. I am blown away by this news. I knew Rich from his time at the University of Illinois. I am so saddened to learn of his death. My condolences to his entire family. I pray that the memory of his smile and his love of you and the family bring you peace.*

Colette Cummings - July 05, 2018 at 09:59 PM



*I also worked with Rich at the University of Illinois. He was so energetic and creative and generated so many wonderful ideas. It is very sad news. My thoughts are with his family and friends.*

*Pat Whitlow*

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**Patricia Whitlow** - July 06, 2018 at 09:32 AM



*This is sad. I worked with him at IBM. He was really a kind guy - I was a pleasure to take part in calls run by him. All the best to his family and friends.*

*Tomasz Sobczyk*

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**Tomasz Sobczyk** - July 06, 2018 at 03:16 PM



*Alex, Juliet and the entire Martins family I'm so sorry for your loss, it is especially hard when our loved ones leave before their time. We hold you in our thoughts. Teri B*

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**Teri Bruna** - July 08, 2018 at 06:52 PM



*I got to know Rich a few months ago and mostly at instances related to our work stuff. And, personally, I never needed anything else to notice the good person he was, a thorough professional and a great companion. God may keep him in a good place.*

*To his family, may God also comfort them and alliviate suffering through these hard times. Life typically shows us things we can only see with eyes open. Now, yet when uncommon, this is a chance to close eyes to see him again. You feel sadness when looking with eyes open; You should rather close them to see he continuous to live in your heart. No matter how long we had learned to see, some times, we need to learn how to see again.*

*My prayers are with you. ....Carlos*

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**Carlos Fernandez** - July 10, 2018 at 01:27 PM

BR

*My thoughts and prayers are with Kris, and Rich's Family and Friends, at this time of great sadness. Although Rich's time was shorter on this earth than you wished it to be, it is quite evident that he had an enormous positive impact on all who met him. God has a plan, Rich is not gone forever... only separated from you for a period of time - as Rich rejoices in the "peace which surpasses all understanding". May you find comfort in your cherished memories until then.*

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**Barbara R-S** - July 11, 2018 at 01:20 PM